

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. Canceled
2. Canceled
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5. Canceled
6. Canceled
7. Canceled

8. (currently amended) Apparatus [as claimed in claim 6] for washing substances from a coated surface of a material, the apparatus comprising at least one inclined substantially planar surface along which the material is passed, an inlet for the introduction of wash solution being provided at the upper part thereof, the planar surface incorporating substantially non smooth resistance means providing a resistance to downward flow of the wash solution and having a capacity to hold wash solution in excess of that of a substantially smooth surface, wherein the resistance means comprises a velvet material.

9. (currently amended) Apparatus [as claimed in claim 6] for washing substances from a coated surface of a material, the apparatus comprising at least one inclined substantially planar surface along which the material is passed, an inlet for the introduction of wash solution being provided at the upper part thereof, the planar surface incorporating substantially non smooth resistance means providing a resistance to downward flow of the wash solution and having a capacity to hold wash solution in excess of that of a substantially smooth surface, wherein the resistance means comprises a felt material.

10. (currently amended) Apparatus [as claimed in claim 6] for washing substances from a coated surface of a material, the apparatus comprising at least

one inclined substantially planar surface along which the material is passed, an inlet for the introduction of wash solution being provided at the upper part thereof, the planar surface incorporating substantially non smooth resistance means providing a resistance to downward flow of the wash solution and having a capacity to hold wash solution in excess of that of a substantially smooth surface, wherein the resistance means comprises a layer of closely packed spheres.

11. Canceled

12. Canceled

13. Canceled)